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EDITORIAL

DISARMAMENT HOPES

AFTER a recess of two-and-a-half years, negotiations on disarmament are starting all over again, with, maybe, somewhat better chances of success than was the case up to now. Indeed, the Soviets have obtained satisfaction on the point which caused their withdrawal from the U.N. Sub-Committee on disarmament in 1957, and the Big Powers have more reason than ever to try seriously for an agreement.

Tired of being outnumbered, the Soviets have been insisting on parity in all negotiations on the vital matter of disarmament. After protracted exchanges of views the West has accepted Russia's proposal. In the disarmament talks starting today in Geneva, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria will support Soviet Russia against the United States, Great Britain, France, Canada and Italy. Apart from this purely formal agreement there are other reasons to believe that the new talks may not be a total failure. The financial burden of modern weapons is beginning to be too heavy even for countries like the U.S. and Soviet Russia, and the brand-new French A-Bomb has served to remind them that they will not be able to keep for long their monopoly of nuclear weapons. Something therefore must be done in order to prevent the multiplication of nuclear powers, which also means the multiplication of the risks of a nuclear war.

Even this feeling of urgency alone would not have been sufficient to open the door for serious negotiations, had Soviet Russia not shown more understanding on the essential question of international control. Whilst for many years the Soviets had insisted on total disarmament based merely on the good faith of all partner., Mr. Khrushchev and his representatives have lately been approaching the Western position, which ties each stage of disarmament to the introduction of effective controls.

The gap between the two points of view has narrowed, but there are still many essential differences, not only between East and West, but also between the Western Powers themselves and even between the different departments of the leading Western Power — the United States. The conflict on this matter between the Pentagon and the State Department and also between the various branches of the American Forces is well known. It is because of this conflict that the U.S. has been so tardy in elaborating a comprehensive disarmament plan.

It is also well known that France has good reason to disagree on this matter, not only with Soviet Russia, but also with her Western partners. Because of the Algerian war, France is not ready to accept a reduction of military manpower; because France can produce atom bombs but has, as yet, no stockpiles of nuclear arms and no means to deliver them, she is not prepared to accept a ban on nuclear tests or any other measure which would leave the three other members of the nuclear club with their stockpiles of bombs and rockets.

Leaving these problems aside for the moment, it would seem that the West has agreed on a proposal for the creation of an international disarmament organization which would start modestly with supervisory duties, but would eventually have its own police force.

At first look it seems as though there is no essential contradiction between this plan and the much more ambitious plan presented by Mr. Khrushchev in his well-known speech to the United Nations. But there are reasons to believe that difficulties will multiply as the scheme enters on practical details, as did the conference on the banning of nuclear tests.

It may well be, after all, that real progress in disarmament is not possible without some progress at least towards the solution of the problems which create world tension.

West Presents Plan For Controlled Disarmament

Body to Keep World Peace

GENEVA (Reuter).—The West last night published a three-stage disarmament plan aimed at the total prohibition of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction under an "International Disarmament Organization," IDO.

The plan, for balanced conventional and nuclear disarmament over an unspecified period, was prepared by Britain, France, the U.S., Canada and Italy for presentation to the East-West disarmament conference which begins here today.

It envisages — under control — gradual elimination of atomic, bacteriological and chemical weapons; considerable reduction of conventional forces; abolition of certain types of military missiles; the preservation of outer space for peaceful purposes; and ultimate control over production of all remaining types of arms.

Stress on Control

Stress is laid, as in past Western disarmament plans, on international supervision and control.

In the first stage, the IDO would be set up and a ceiling of 2,500,000 would be put simultaneously on the armed forces of the Soviet Union and the U.S.

(Russia announced last January that it would reduce its forces from 2,623,000 to 2,423,000 within two years. U.S. forces last October numbered about 2,497,000.)

Last night's Western plan gave no figures for ceilings for the forces of any other countries, though past Western proposals would have limited Britain and France to 750,000.

An international conference would be convened during the second stage of the plan to extend disarmament to countries other than those due to begin talks here today, at which the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria represent the Eastern side.

The Western plan began:

"The ultimate goal is a secure, free and peaceful world in which there shall be general disarmament under effective international control and agreed procedures for the settlement of disputes in accordance with the principles of the U.N. Charter."

It went on: "The task of the 10-nation disarmament conference should be to work out measures leading toward general disarmament, which can only be attained by balanced, phased and safeguarded agreements."

One point in the first stage was that states should give prior notice to IDO of proposed launchings of space vehicles. States would also have to submit to the organization details of their military budgets.

Checking Budgets

In Stage Two, measures would be established to verify budgetary information, while in the third stage international control over military budgets would take place.

At the end of Stage Two of the plan, an "international organization to preserve world peace" would be initially established and the next stage would see "completion of the establishment of international organizations and arrangements to preserve world peace."

Stage Two also provides that as soon as an effective control system is operating, states would be prohibited from putting into outer space vehicles capable of mass destruction.

Britain Testing Deadly Nerve Gas on Volunteer Soldiers

LONDON (UPI). — The War Office on Monday confirmed that nerve gases are being tested on human "guinea pigs" to find "means of defence against chemical warfare."

A spokesman said "small doses, well within the safety limits, are administered under carefully prescribed and controlled conditions" to an average of 12 volunteers from the three armed services at a time.

The "Daily Mail" claimed last week and reiterated yesterday that similar tests were under way in the U.S. It said U.S. officials want to publicize their findings on the deadly nerve gas as an additional deterrent against Russian attack. The paper said there is a close link between British and American scientists working on germ and gas warfare issues.

The War Office spokesman, however, declined to go beyond a confirmation of the experiments. He noted that questions have been tabled in Parliament for War Secretary Christian Soames and that comment would be improper before he replies.

The "Daily Mail" said nerve gases are sometimes considered "more devastating than nuclear missiles. Some nerve gases can kill thousands of people in a few minutes..."

The War Office said volunteers from all three services "assist in experiments into means of defence against chemical warfare." There have been no injuries requiring hospitalization from the tests, it said.

Nehru Barred From Ceding to China

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — India's Supreme Court ruled yesterday that no part of Indian territory could be transferred to a foreign country under the constitution as it now stands.

The Court was giving a ruling in respect of the two-year-old agreement between Prime Minister Nehru and the former Pakistani Prime Minister, Sir Malik Feroze Khan Noon on the exchange of enclaves in each other's territory and the division of the Beruhari area of West Bengal between India and Pakistan.

Political observers here, however, noted that the same ruling would presumably apply to any exchange of territory arising from any agreement between Mr. Nehru and Mr. Chou En-lai, Chinese Prime Minister, when they meet next month to discuss the Sino-Indian border dispute.

The Supreme Court ruled that parliament could not make laws to transfer territory without amending the constitution, requiring the consent of the majority of the members of parliament and a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members actually voting.

The Supreme Court's ruling would be relevant if Mr. Nehru agreed to give certain territories to China, but would not cover adjustments in the nature of a proper delimitation of the border.

Nepal P.M. Warns The 'Power Mad'

PEKING (Reuter).—The visiting Nepalese Premier, Mr. B. P. Koirala, without specifically mentioning the Sino-Indian border dispute, warned here on Monday of the dangers of any attempt to "crush or rule over freedom-loving Asians by force or similar means."

He told 10,000 Chinese, including Premier Chou En-lai, and Foreign Minister Chen Yi, that he believed any such attempt "will not only prove unsuccessful, but is quite impossible."

Mr. Koirala, who arrived here last Friday on a two-week visit, told a mass rally: "If any power-mad nation, however big and powerful, nurtures a feeling, or attempts to control or occupy even an inch of territory of any of the Asian nations, such measures will certainly lead to a complete disturbance of global peace."

PANAMA MINISTER DUE FROM CAIRO

The Panamanian Foreign Minister, Dr. Miguel J. Moreno; the Panamanian delegate to the U.N. Assembly, Mr. Jorge Illueca; and the Costa Rican representative to the Assembly, Mr. Gonzalo Ortiz Martin, are expected today for a five-day visit as guests of the Government.

While in Jerusalem they will be received by the President and the Foreign Minister.

In Cairo yesterday, Dr. Moreno and UAR Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi signed a cultural agreement between their countries, Reuter reports. On Sunday, he conferred in Damascus with Abdel Nasser.

K's Visit to France Set for Next Week

MOSCOW (UPI). — Premier Nikita Khrushchev, ill with influenza, will visit France from March 23 until April 3, Tass announced on Monday.

Originally Mr. Khrushchev was scheduled to begin a fortnight's tour of France today. Now he will spend 11 days in the country at President de Gaulle's invitation.

Just 27 hours after the surprise announcement that Mr. Khrushchev had fallen ill, the Soviet news agency apparently killed some Western speculation that this was a "diplomatic illness."

The postponement announcement on Sunday said that Mr. Khrushchev's doctors believed he would require seven to 10 days to recover from his influenza, and that a new date for the trip would be agreed upon as soon as possible.

With Mr. Khrushchev now to spend three days fewer in France, there was no immediate indication how his itinerary would be affected.

Effect of Delay On Ben-Gurion Visit

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Mr. Ben-Gurion's aides are inquiring into the possibility of a meeting with President de Gaulle in Paris right after he goes to London, following postponement of the Khrushchev trip to France.

Final word from Paris is expected this week and prospects for such an earlier meeting seem likely. Such a possibility was discussed with the Israel Ambassador to Paris, Mr. Walter Eytan, when the Premier made a brief stopover in Paris on his way to Boston.

On the other hand, Foreign Ministry circles in Jerusalem did not think that the postponement of Mr. Khrushchev's visit to France would affect the timing of Mr. Ben-Gurion's meeting with President de Gaulle.

When the Prime Minister does go, Ministry circles said, his visit will be "official," unlike his present "unofficial" journey to the U.S. and Britain.

Eight African States Oppose French Bombs

PARIS (Reuter). — Eight African countries have made a joint protest to France against "past and future" atomic tests in the Sahara desert, diplomatic sources said.

The states are: Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Libya, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia.

Sukarno Assumes Supreme War Post

TOKYO (UPI). — President Sukarno of Indonesia on Monday assumed "the tasks of Supreme War Administrator," Radio Indonesia reported.

The radio broadcast came as other reports from Jakarta yesterday said it was officially announced that the strafing five days ago of Sukarno's two palaces and a fishing village by an Indonesian Air Force Mig-17 may have been part of a plan by a "subversive organization" to assassinate Sukarno and Chief of Staff Gen. Abdul Haris Nasution.

The post of Central War Administrator was created about two years ago during the height of the anti-Dutch campaign and the early days of the rebellion. It was held until late last year by Nasution. Sukarno took over this position late last year.

His new title as Supreme War Administrator apparently gives him even more power to deal with any disturbances or situation that might arise, either military or civilian. The new title plus the new staffs form a sort of "Supreme War Council."

Argentine Troops Alert for Sabotage

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter).—Troops yesterday guarded oil, gas and water storage plants throughout Argentina against terrorist bomb attacks following Sunday night's declaration of a state of "internal emergency."

It is understood that some military leaders are now anxious to apply martial law to ensure the death penalty for terrorists who have plagued Argentina in recent weeks. The terrorists — already liable to court martial — are said to be seeking to interfere with this month's elections to the Chamber of Deputies and to restore the dictatorship of Juan Peron.

Mr. Felipe Diaz O'Kelly, Minister of Interior of Buenos Aires Province, where most of the outrages have taken place, told reporters that the provincial government would "apply drastic measures to restore peace."

No arrests have been reported so far, though a police spokesman said that an army corporal being questioned at police headquarters had shouting "Long live Peron," and then jumped to his death from a second-floor balcony.

Abbas Says Door Closed to Peace By Negotiation

TUNIS (Reuter). — Ferhat Abbas, head of the Algerian "Provisional Government" said here on Monday that President de Gaulle had "closed the door to negotiation and peace in Algeria" and the Moslem rebels would fight on until Algeria achieves independence.

He declared in a radio speech that his "government" had shown its desire not to let pass any chance of a peaceful, negotiated settlement in the North African territory, where Moslem rebels have been fighting a war against the French for five years.

Abbas' speech comes nine days after Gen. de Gaulle's tour of Algeria during which the President, who has offered eventual self-determination for Algerians after pacification, said he no longer had much hope of the rebels accepting his cease-fire offer, and urged French troops to win a military victory.

During this tour, Abbas said, "it was the old colonial concept which reappeared — in short, the French head of state closed the door to negotiation and peace. By accepting the principle of self-determination as the basis of a solution of the Algerian problem, we have insisted on the necessity of assuring its honest and sincere application," Abbas said.

'France Afraid'

"We have no doubt about what the 'free choice' of the Algerian people will be, provided that this choice is accompanied by indispensable guarantees. After de Gaulle's recent statements, it is clear that the French Government is afraid of the popular verdict."

The broadcast marked the end of what observers here regarded as a campaign of peace feelers, opened by the insurgent leader last month in a broadcast inviting the cooperation of Europeans in building a new Algerian republic. It showed no change from the insurgent demand that there must be talks, before a cease-fire, on the guarantees for fair application of self-determination and the methods of applying it.

Moroccan Premier's Resignation Reported

PARIS (UPI) — Moroccan Premier Abdullah Ibrahim resigned last Saturday but King Mohammed has kept the news quiet in order to avoid a government crisis during the aftermath of the Agadir earthquake, according to reliable reports reaching here.

The reports could not be confirmed in Rabat.

The immediate cause for the reported resignation was not known, but it was no surprise. Ever since taking office in December, 1956, moderate leftist Ibrahim has been walking a tight-rope between the conservative and the leftist forces in Morocco.

Adenauer Assures Ben-Gurion Bonn's Support Will Continue

Guest of Hammarskjold

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — Premier Ben-Gurion yesterday held a 90-minute conference on Middle East problems with Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, after he had lunch with the U.N. Secretary-General, together with Mrs. Ben-Gurion.

Mrs. Ben-Gurion joined the group an hour-and-a-half later for a tour of the U.N. Headquarters with her husband, escorted by Mr. Hammarskjold.

Mr. Hammarskjold showed Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Gurion over his luxurious flat in the Upper East Side, in the living room of which is the principal talking point — the ice-pick used by the Sherpa, Tenzing, when he and Sir Edmund Hillary conquered Mount Everest. The pick bears the inscription, "So that you may climb to great heights."

Mr. Ben-Gurion arrived at U.N. Headquarters accompanied by the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Harman, the acting Israel representative to the U.N., Mr. Yosef Tekoah, and two aides.

Express Lift

Mr. Gehan de Nous, U.N. Chief of Protocol, received the Prime Minister on behalf of the Secretary-General and escorted him by a special fast lift to the 38th floor of the Secretariat building where Mr. Hammarskjold has his executive suite.

Mr. Ben-Gurion also met the Israel nationals in the U.N. Secretariat and was due to make a short statement to the press while he visited the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Mr. Hammarskjold was to give a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Gurion in the Security Council lounge in the evening. They are due to leave the Headquarters at 0030 GMT (Tuesday).

Among those present at the lunch were Dr. Ralph Bunche, Under-Secretary for Political Affairs, and Mrs. Bunche; Mr. Andrew Cordier, Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General and Mrs. Cordier; Mr. and Mrs. Tekoah; and Mr. Jacob Blaustein and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, American Jewish leaders, and their wives.

The meal was a simple one of soup, fish and dessert. Mr. Hammarskjold was flanked by Mrs. Ben-Gurion and Mrs. Tekoah, with the Prime Minister sitting opposite.

Congressmen Urge Action on Suez

WASHINGTON (INA). — The House of Representatives subcommittee on foreign economic policy has recommended that the U.S. "vigorously support and encourage efforts to obtain free transit through the Suez Canal of persons and goods coming to and from Israel."

While describing some U.S. aid projects benefiting various nations as ineffective and extremely costly to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the report described Israel's economic progress as "impressive."

'Pioneer' Signals Heard 500,000 Miles Away

MANCHESTER (UPI).— The giant radiotelescope at Jodrell Bank on Monday picked up signals of America's Pioneer V loudly and clearly from approximately half-a-million miles away.

Jodrell Bank switched on the five-watt transmitter in the satellite for half-an-hour at approximately 1400 GMT.

Nixon Agrees To Visit Israel

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Vice-President Nixon said on Sunday after a three-hour luncheon meeting that he was tremendously impressed by Mr. Ben-Gurion's broad understanding of world problems.

At the lunch, Mr. Ben-Gurion touched on many East-West issues, and not only on particular Israel and Middle East questions.

The Premier also invited Mr. Nixon to visit Israel, and the Vice-President said after the meeting that he had accepted and might come in the future, either in an official or unofficial capacity.

Mr. Ben-Gurion was introduced to both of Mr. Nixon's daughters, who study at a Quaker school. One of them is now learning Judaism as part of her religious studies. Mrs. Nixon said her daughter knew the meaning and symbolism of the Menorah, and Mr. Ben-Gurion suggested that she learn Hebrew to read the Bible in the original language.

Before he left here for New York, the Premier visited the Israel Embassy Purim party, where he conducted a short impromptu Bible quiz and chatted some time with Dafna Prihar, 8, daughter of the new military attache. Mr. Ben-Gurion spoke to one child, who during five years in Washington had forgotten her Hebrew, and asked parents to make sure that this should not happen.

'Plot' to Settle Refugees in Brazil

CAIRO (Reuter). — The Egyptian press yesterday violently assailed the West for allegedly "conspiring to aid Israel" at the expense of the Arab refugees.

The authoritative "Al Ahram" said an Israel request for aid was now under study by a "secret committee" formed by the 1950 Tripartite Declaration powers (the U.S., Britain and France).

(In Washington yesterday, the State Department spokesman said that he knew nothing to confirm the "Al Ahram" report.)

The weekly "Rose el Yussef" printed what purported to be photostatic copies of letters exchanged between prominent American businessmen, Messrs. E. M. Greenwood, Robert Murphy and Eric Johnston. These revealed a plan for the resettlement of 350,000 Arab refugees in Brazil at a cost of $1,000m.

"Rose el Yussef" said Mr. Greenwood had asked Mr. Murphy to use his influence with State Department officials who are working on the problem of the refugees to promote this plan.

ASTA CONVENES IN JERUSALEM

"A trip to Israel is a pilgrimage," the Minister of Transport, Mr. Y. Ben-Aharon, declared last night in Jerusalem before the Board of Directors of the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA).

He was speaking at a gala dinner at the King David Hotel which launched the four-day ASTA conference in Israel. Among those present were the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Ogden Reid, and Israel travel agents.

The 40 Board members will devote their discussions to furthering tourism in all countries, including Israel.

Mr. M. de Shalit, Director-General of the Government Tourist Corp., noted the importance of tourism in strengthening ties between Israel and other countries.

ASTA's President, Mr. Max B. Allen, in describing a tour of Jerusalem which the group had made during the day, noted that Israel's tourism future was assuring in view of its rich historical interest.

Mr. M. Cohen, Chairman of the Israel branch of ASTA, greeted the conference on behalf of the 37 Israel member agencies of ASTA.

The Board members represent 1,300 travel agencies in the U.S. and Canada and nearly 1,000 travel agencies in other parts of the world.

The conference will today be received by the President and will tomorrow participate in the planting of trees in the ASTA Wood, in the Jerusalem Corridor.

Two Statements Issued

By ARI RATH, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Continued cooperation between Bonn and Jerusalem was promised here yesterday by West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer after his historic meeting with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion.

The two heads of government, both here on "unofficial" visits, met on the 35th floor of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel for a two-hour meeting likely to prove a turning point in the relations between Israel and West Germany.

Mr. Ben-Gurion told your correspondent after the meeting: "The honour of the Jewish people is uppermost in my mind and I feel I am fulfilling my duty by having met with the Chancellor."

Future Israel-German economic relations and West German support for Israel after Reparations were among the major topics discussed, although the diplomatic issue was not directly touched.

Definite assurances were understood to have been given by the West German Chancellor on strong economic support, and this was also expressed in his statement, with changes in the final draft being made during the meeting.

Trilingual Talks

The two "old men" (he is seventy and der Alte) Mr. Ben-Gurion and Dr. Adenauer, were chatting in a lively tone in English, French and German, seated on a couch near a television set in a corner of the Chancellor's spacious reception room.

Mr. Ben-Gurion started to speak in Hebrew, but shifted to English, with Mr. Arye Manor, Israel Minister for Economic Affairs in Washington, acting as interpreter. Mr. Heinz Weber, Dr. Adenauer's chief interpreter, was the only man with the German leader. For easy, direct conversation, both Premiers used French.

When Dr. Adenauer advised Mr. Ben-Gurion's visitor, the Israel Premier said he could not converse with him, and quoted a story he had heard about one of the Chancellor's 31 grandchildren. When asked about his future plans, the grandson said he wanted to be Chancellor, Mr. Ben-Gurion related, but Dr. Adenauer reportedly answered that such competition was impossible since there could be only one Chancellor at a time.

The story made Dr. Adenauer smile broadly, and this set the tone for a most cordial atmosphere throughout the talk.

In addition to Israel-German relations, other important topics discussed were East-West problems and the summit conference, since East-West accord could be made at the expense of Israel as well as Germany.

Your correspondent was the only reporter to enter the Waldorf Towers parlour in the final stages of the meeting.

At the end of the meeting both Mr. Ben-Gurion and Dr. Adenauer made statements over the television network. The Chancellor first read his in German, while Mr. Ben-Gurion made his in English, as no Hebrew draft was made.

Scores of photographers invaded the reception room. Mr. Ben-Gurion was more patient with them than Dr. Adenauer, but told them not to give orders for peace, but to do their work and let the Premiers do theirs. When things were almost out of control, Dr. Adenauer called out loudly, "ruhe," "ruh" and his aides just about had to force the cameramen into the corridor.

Dr. Adenauer said:

"I am deeply moved by my meeting with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

"For a long time I have been an admirer of his statesmanship and clearsightedness in the chief problems of modern times and the remarkable progress that Israel has made under his guidance.

"The German people share Germany's satisfaction that the fact that through restitution a contribution was made towards the process of rehabilitation in Israel.

"I am sure that the German people as well as my German friends are convinced that our new cooperation with and support for Israel will continue to bear fruit in the future."

Mr. Ben-Gurion said in his statement:

"I am glad to greet Chancellor Dr. Konrad Adenauer. I believe in a country which cannot forget the past, but we remember the past not in order to go back to it, but so that it shall never recur.

"I said in the Knesset that anyone that the Germany of today was not the Germany of yesterday and after my meeting with the Chancellor I am even more convinced of it.

"I wish the Chancellor all success in his efforts to guide Germany in the path of democracy."

The final drafts of the Adenauer and Ben-Gurion statements were prepared by Israel and German aides.

Dr. Felix von Eckhardt, the German Government spokesman who participates in all Cabinet meetings, told The Jerusalem Post that diplomatic relations were not raised prior to Dr. Adenauer's departure from Bonn, but would probably be discussed after his return from Japan.

Dr. von Eckhardt said there was a continuous exchange of letters during past years between Mr. Ben-Gurion and Dr. Adenauer, in which the possibility of meeting on neutral ground was raised. The present visit provided an excellent opportunity for a meeting, but final confirmation was only agreed upon Sunday night after Mr. Ben-Gurion's arrival, at a meeting between the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Avraham Harman, and the German Foreign Mi-

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Adenauer Seeing U.S. Leaders Today

NEW YORK (Reuter). — West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, on a 13-day visit to the U.S., is due to confer in Washington today with President Eisenhower, Vice-President Richard Nixon and Secretary of State Christian Herter.

Mapai Bureau Not Flown

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — The Waldorf Astoria Hotel yesterday morning flew the black-red-gold West German flag from one of its masts in honour of the visit of the head of that country's government. The Israel flag was not displayed, at the request of the Embassy.

Knesset to Debate Adenauer Meeting

The Communist Party's Knesset faction yesterday asked the Speaker for leave to table a motion of non-confidence in the Government because of the Prime Minister's meeting with the Chancellor of West Germany, the Party has announced in Tel Aviv.



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and share the sorrow of the bereaved family.

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Social & Personal

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, yesterday received Mr. and Mrs. Louis Michael, active workers of the J.P.A. in Great Britain.

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The Minister of Social Welfare, Dr. Yosef Burg, on Monday received to tea at the King David Hotel the members of the Scranton Hebrew Day School group.

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Mrs. Chaim Weizmann yesterday entertained to luncheon at her home in Rehovot the British Ambassador and Mrs. Patrick Hancock; Baroness Eliot; Lady Doris Blacker; Mr. and Mrs. Eliahu Elath; Mrs. Judith Bellin; Prof. G. M. J. Schmidt; Mr. Julian Meltzer; and Dr. Boris Guriel.

Baroness Eliot, who is chairman of the British committee for the International Refugee Year, and Lady Doris Blacker yesterday visited the WIZO Baby Home in Jerusalem. They also visited Malben-J.D.C. institutions.

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The visiting delegation from Senegal yesterday visited the Histadrut Executive building and met with Mr. P. Lavon, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, and members of the Central Committee. The delegation also visited Histadrut enterprises in Tel Aviv.

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Mr. Luis Alberto Monge, leader of the Costa Rican labour movement who arrived here on Sunday as guest of the Histadrut, yesterday met with Mr. A. Becker, head of the Histadrut Trade Union Department, and with Mr. E. Hayut, of the Political Department.

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The women's division study group of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation yesterday visited the Wilfred Israel Institute at Kibbutz Hazorea and the Kibbutz Ein Harod Art Museum. In the evening, a reception was held in their honour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Hacohen on Mt. Carmel.

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Mrs. Bessie Blaufarb, member of the Pioneer Women Executive in the U.S.A. and Canada, has arrived in Israel on a tour of Moetzet Hapoalot installations, accompanied by her husband, Mr. Jack Blaufarb.

Four Artists Share Dizengoff Prize

TEL AVIV. — Four artists were awarded the Municipal Dizengoff Prize on Monday, on the 99th anniversary of the birth of the first Mayor of Tel Aviv. The IL2,000 prize was divided equally among Mrs. Haya Schwartz, Mr. Jean David (the chairman of the Artists' Association), Mr. Elhanan Halperin, and the veteran sculptor, Mr. Aharon Priver.

Deputy Mayor E. Schechter spoke at the ceremony at the Dizengoff Museum, and Mr. Haim Gliksberg, the painter, read the findings of the jury of which he was chairman. Other members of the jury were Mr. Yitshak Norman and Mr. R. Reuven.

Baby Found Unhurt, 3½ Kms. from Home

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — An 18-month-old boy, Hanania Elemkis, who disappeared from his home at Moshav Mivtahim at noon on Sunday, was found at 10 o'clock the same night sleeping peacefully in a grove three-and-one-half kilometres away from the settlement. He was not hurt.

15 Die As Storm Hits Newfoundland

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (Reuter). — Eight persons are known to have died and seven fishermen are feared drowned in the latest of a series of winter storms which headed north and threatened Newfoundland with heavy snow and 60-mile-an-hour gales.

The blizzard dumped three to six inches of snow on Canada's Maritime Provinces on Sunday as roads were being cleared after last Wednesday's two-foot fall. Newfoundland has had three storms within a week.

DJILAS. — The imprisoned former Yugoslav Vice-President and Communist leader, Milovan Djilas, has had a successful operation for acute appendicitis. He is serving a nine-year prison sentence on charges of anti-state activity.

LYDDA FLIGHTS

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All times G.M.T.

ARRIVALS: B.O.A.C. 302, from Teheran — 1145. El Al 202, from New York, London and Rome — 1720. El Al 434, from Brussels and Zurich — 2200. Olympic 414, from Athens and Nicosia — 2250. B.O.A.C. 304, from London and Geneva — 2300.

DEPARTURES: Air France 182, to Teheran, Karachi, Bangkok, Saigon, Manila and Tokyo — 0035. El Al 433, to Athens, Zurich and Brussels — 0600. El Al 203, to Paris, London and New York — 1200. K.L.M. 528, to Munich and Amsterdam — 1215. B.O.A.C. 303, to Geneva and London — 1230. B.O.A.C. 304, to Teheran — 2345.

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League Decides on Pipeline, Ship and Air Companies

CAIRO (Reuter). — The Arab League Economic Council on Sunday ratified plans to establish an Arab-owned pipeline company, navigation company and an airline, a League spokesman announced here.

The Council, at its final session of its meeting here, also reached agreement to coordinate the oil policy of Arab countries, the spokesman added.

The spokesman said the Council also unanimously approved the resolutions passed at a conference in Kuwait last year to tighten the Arab boycott of Israel.

He said the resolutions on this subject were kept secret, but reporters understood they included the establishment of an Arab trade office in Turkey and other points for the boycott policy against Israel.

The Council agreed to hold an annual oil conference and that the next one would be held in Beirut on October 17.

Further Study

The Council referred back for further study projects for the establishment of an Arab tanker company, an economic development fund, and a proposal to set aside five per cent of all oil revenues for development in non-oil-producing Arab countries.

The Council also approved in principal the suggestion of the Jeddah conference of oil experts for a boycott of oil companies operating in Algeria.

The pipeline project provided that the company would have an initial capital of £5m. paid immediately on the company's establishment by the Arab countries and emirates willing to participate. Two pipelines would link oil-fields in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq with the Mediterranean port of Saida in the Lebanon.

U.S. House Group Claims Aid Plan Too Ambitious

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — A group of Congressmen who went on a 40,000-mile world tour reported yesterday that the U.S. foreign aid programme was attempting to underwrite too many projects.

Reporting to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the group called for reappraisal of foreign aid programmes in the light of what it concluded was a "strikingly dangerous gap between grandiose projects at the top and the millions of human beings still starving, still untaught, who have neither the stamina to undertake nor the capacity to understand self-government."

"We would urge therefore that primary attention be given to food production and the teaching of at least elementary knowledge," the report added.

The group visited Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Vietnam, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Thailand, India, Pakistan, Israel, Turkey, Greece, Spain and Morocco.

Representative Walter Judd (Republican) issued a minority report saying the rest of the group gave an unbalanced picture with emphasis on relatively few operations that deserved criticism and too little recognition of the overall success of the foreign aid programme.

13 Die in Congo Political Clash

ELISABETHVILLE (Reuter). — Thirteen persons were killed and hundreds injured in battles between two rival African political groups in and around Elisabethville, capital of Katanga province in the Belgian Congo, this week-end.

The fighting was between local Conakat Party members and followers of the rival M.N.C. Party, led by Patrice Lumumba.

One hundred and eight Africans were taken to Elisabethville hospital severely injured. Many hundreds of others were bandaged where they had fallen by mobile ambulance groups.

Tensions started rising in the African villages around Elisabethville on Friday, when it was learned Mr. Lumumba was planning to hold a meeting the next day.

The authorities banned the meeting to prevent any clashes, but villagers started massing in full battle array with poisoned spears and bows and arrows.

Violent fighting broke out Sunday afternoon and the authorities decided to send in armed police and troops to occupy the villages and separate the combatants.

Clashes were at that time raging in almost all the surrounding villages.

A low-flying police aircraft in radio-contact with the troops crashed in the village of Kenia, killing its pilot.

Communist Radio Raps Kassem Government

ANKARA (OFNS). — Monitoring sources in Ankara report an interesting new development in Communist radio propaganda in the Middle East. Sharp attacks in the Turkish language on the Iraqi Government are being made by "Bizim Radyo" (Turkish for "Our Radio") — a Communist station which claims to broadcast from inside Turkey but is really located somewhere in East Germany.

These broadcasts take the line that the Communist Party newly formed in Baghdad under the veteran Communist intellectual Daoud e-Sayegh is a phoney one set up by the Iraqi Government to prevent "the true Communist Party" in Iraq from operating legally.

According to informed sources here, this is the first time, so far as is known, that the Kassem Government has been attacked in Communist broadcasts in the Turkish language. There is some speculation in Ankara as to who these broadcasts are aimed at. It is hardly likely they would interest Turks in Turkey. It is possible they are aimed at the Turkish Turco-Iraqis — who number about 100,000.



Mrs. Thomas Mann and Professor Klaus Pringsheim (right), on arrival at Lydda airport yesterday morning, speaking to a reporter. Photo by Karmasin

Mrs. Thos. Mann, Brother Here

LYDDA AIRPORT. — The widow of the late German author Thomas Mann, Mrs. Katja Mann, and her brother, Prof. Klaus Pringsheim, the conductor, arrived here Sunday night from Athens for a week's visit. She had gone to Athens from Switzerland and he had arrived there from Tokyo.

Prof. Pringsheim, who is the director of the Tokyo Academy of Music and has been a resident of Japan for 25 years, is the initiator of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's planned concert tour of Japan scheduled for next year.

Mrs. Mann told reporters that she would like to visit Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and a kibbutz — and the wood that she was told had been planted in her husband's name.

Mann's Letters

She is at present preparing for publication two volumes of her husband's collected letters. The first volume, scheduled to appear this month, includes letters from 1900 to 1936, and the second volume scheduled for the end of the year, will include letters from 1936 until his death in 1955.

They went up to the capital later in the morning.

Prof Pringsheim told The Jerusalem Post in Jerusalem last night that he had received a cable from Mr. Noboru Toyomasu, a Japanese pianist scheduled to give a series of recitals here, that he had fallen ill and had cancelled his tour. Prof. Pringheim will make a recording with the Kol Yisrael Orchestra today and then go on to Tel Aviv with his sister. No concerts have been planned with the Kol Yisrael Orchestra, he said.

Atheistic Ceremonies For E. Berlin Pupils

BERLIN (Reuter). — Eightly-one per cent of East Berlin's school-leaving children will attend atheist youth initiation ceremonies this year, the East German Communist newspaper "Neues Deutschland" said yesterday. This is seven per cent more than last year.

(The East German Protestant Church warned its members last November against the dangers of "atheistic Socialist ceremonies" and told them attendance at these ceremonies would bar them from participation in church ceremonies.)

Soviet Moon Shot Looks Like 'Charcoal Drawing'

BOSTON (Reuter). — Mr. William Young, director of the Research Laboratory of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, has said the Soviet photographs of the far side of the moon look like charcoal drawings to him.

The Soviet Union said they were taken by the satellite Lunik III last October as it swung around the moon.

Mr. Young said on Sunday night, after reproducing the 8 by 10-inch photographs as slides and projecting them on an 8 by 10-feet screen, "I could see definite brush strokes and the composition and character of the photos were the same as those on charcoal drawings when I compared them."

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
522, 256.4 & 249 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 and 7.56 a.m., 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.

English: 2.00 p.m. French: 2.15 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Religious Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.

11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Auber: Overture "Le Cheval de Bronze"; Litolff: Scherzo from Concerto Symphonique; Rossini-Britten: Matinees Musicales; Tchaikowsky: Capriccio Italien, opus 45; Beethoven: "La Victoire de Wellington". 12.00 Women's Programme. 12.30 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 Little Concert: Prokofiev: Overture on Hebrew Themes, opus 34; Osterc: Suite for Orchestra. 1.45 Where to Go? 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 Special Foreign Language Programme. 5.05 Songs & Dances at Your Request. 5.45 Children's Corner. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Popular Melodies. 7.20 Cantoral Request Programme. 7.45 Women's International Labour Day. 7.59 Announcements on Kol Yisrael Programmes. 8.00 New Records of Light Music. 8.25 In View of the Arab Broadcasts. 8.50 Bible Reading: Yehezkel, Chaps. 21 & 22. 9.15 Concert by the Kol Yisrael Orchestra: Conductor: Heinz Freudenthal. Soloists: Yoram Rosler (Trumpet), Naftali Aharoni (Accordion): Offenbach: Serenade for Strings; Josef Kaminski: Concertino for Trumpet and Orchestra; Zilcher: Scherzparaphrases — Intermission — Haim Alexander: "Accordiana", Suite on Israel Folk Songs (First Performance); Johann Strauss: Overture "Der Zigeunerbaron". 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
460, 392, 422.5 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 Mograbit. 6.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 6.45 Polish. 7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 "Backstage & Limelight". 8.30 Folklore of the Nations. 8.50 Chess Corner. 9.00 Ladino. 9.30 Rumanian. 9.45 Hungarian. 10.00 News in English.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
407 & 41.7 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30-7.15 a.m. 1.15-2.15, 5.30-11.15 p.m.

KOL YISRAEL LAGOLA (33.3 M.): Programme to the U.K.: 10.30 News. 10.40 Commentary. 10.45 Round & About at Purim: Carnival Time.

Programme to South Africa: 6.15 News. 6.25 Commentary on the News. 6.30 Tune of the Week. 6.35 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME (216, 225 and 235 M.): 6.00 Opening. 6.08 Request Programme. 6.40 Songs. 6.58 Announcements. 7.00 News. 7.10 "Star of the Evening." 7.25 "Melodies and Men"—Haydn. 7.55 Readings in the Haftara of the Week by A. Gurewitz. 8.00 "Army's Diary." 8.15 Pleasant Tune. 8.30 Records of Your Choice. 9.00 News. 9.15 "Hit the Target." 10.00 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (30.26, 25.12, 19.76, 19.46 & 16.86 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News, News Comment, Mid-Week Magazine.

MUSIC U.S.A. VOICE OF AMERICA — English Programme 5.00 and 600 a.m. News, UN in Action on 31 and 41 M. 7.00 a.m. News, Commentators' Digest on 31 and 41 M. 8.00 a.m. News, Raymond Swing Analysis, Report to Europe on 31, 41, 49 and 238 M. 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. News, Commentators' Digest on 13, 19 and 31 M. 3.00 p.m. News, Report to South Asia on 11, 13 and 19 M. 4.00 p.m. News, Raymond Swing Analysis, Women and the World on 11, 13, 19, 25 and 31 M. 5.00 p.m. News, Raymond Swing Analysis, Report to Near East on 19, 25 and 31 M. 6.00 p.m. News, Women and the World on 11, 19, 25, 31 and 41 M. 7.00 p.m. News, Report to Near East on 13, 19 and 25 M. 7.30 p.m. News, Listeners' Log on 13, 19 and 25 M. 8.00 p.m. News, Report to Africa on 19 and 25 M. 8.30 p.m. Forum (Music) on 19 and 25 M. 9.00 and 10.00 p.m. Special News, Music USA on 19 and 25 M. 11.00 p.m. News, Raymond Swing Analysis, Press Opinion USA on 25, 31, 41 and 238 M. 11.30 p.m. Forum (Music) on 25, 31, 41 and 238 M. 12.00 p.m. News, Raymond Swing Analysis, Press Opinion USA on 25, 31, 41 and 238 M.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (434 & 495 M.): News: 7.30 a.m. 2.00, 7.00, 11.00 p.m.

7.45 a.m. The Coca Cola Programme. 8.00 Melodies & Memories. 8.30 Popular Light Orchestra. 9.00 Miniature Concert. 9.30 Confidence Men. 9.45 Piano Playtime. 10.00 Felix King, his Piano and Orchestra. 10.30 Ted Heath and his Music. 11.00 The Final Year. 11.15 Light Music. 11.30 Pursuit. 12.00 Midday Melodies. 12.15 p.m. "The Name is Shane." 2.30 Satellite Seven; A Science Adventure. 6.45 The Lanitis Programme. 7.15 Counterfeit. 10.00 Strange Last Words. 10.15 Stars of Song. 10.30 My Word.

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• Film Show:— Israeli films — daily showings, Keren Hayesod Hall, 12 noon—1 p.m.

• Tours:— Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

Hebrew University: No conducted tours today.

Yad Vashem — Martyrs and Heroes Memorial Authority, Har Hazikaron — Conducted tours (English) of the buildings and exhibitions, daily 11 a.m.

• Exhibitions:— Oils, acquarelles, drawings by Menahem Heibois, Nora Studio, 9 Maimon Ave. Opening by the Minister of Health, Mr. Barzilai, 7.

"Israel Today" — permanent exhibition, Binyanei Haooma, 10-4 daily; Fridays 10-1.

Safrai Art Gallery, 37 Jaffa Road, Tel. 42737. Est. 1939. 9-1, 3-7. Friday 9-2. New exhibition: Oils and drawings by S. Rabino. All purchases mailed upon request.

• Bezalel National Museum:— Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art; Archaeological objects; Primitive Art. Dutch and Flemish drawings from the Fodor Collection, Amsterdam. Paintings and prints from the Low Countries — Museum Collection, 9-1; 3.30-7. Bezalel Art Library: Memorial Exhibition of works by Sir Leonard Woolley and Dutch drawings, 9-1, 3.30-5.

Department of Antiquities, 35 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Special exhibitions: New excavations at Beersheba, Eynan and Tel Mor. Also permanent exhibition, 9-1, 3-5.

• Zoo:— Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, 9-6.

TEL AVIV

• Israel National Opera:— "The Barber of Seville", 8.30.

• Circus:— Warsaw Circus on Kikar Malchei Yisrael, 4, 8.30.

• Italian Puppet Theatre:— Piccoli, return season. New Programme, Peer Cinema, 4, 6.45 p.m. Last Week.

• Theatre:— Habimah: "Twelve Angry Men", 6. "Visit of the Old Lady", 8.30. Cameri: "Twelfth Night", 6, 9.

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Wizo Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 26835, 8 a.m.—2 p.m.

• Zoological Gardens:— Open 8 a.m.—5 p.m. daily.

• Exhibitions:— Annual exhibition of Israeli artists, Beit Dizengoff, 16 Rothschild Blvd. Today: 10-1, 4-7.

African Primitive Art: statuettes, masks, implements, from collection of Mr. Sam Dubiner (over 150 exhibits), Helena Rubinstein Pavilion. Today: 10-1, 4-9.

Ancient Glass Exhibition, Museum Ha'aretz, near Ramat Aviv, 10-5.

• Z.O.A. House:— Purim Ball, 9. Tourist Service, 9 a.m.—9 p.m.

HAIFA

• Variety Show:— Joselito and Variety Troupe, Armon, 8.30, 9.

• Golden Age Club:— Purim Celebration — Theatre Hall, Rothschild Community Centre. Guests welcome, 4.30.

• Exhibitions:— Annual group exhibition of the Association of Artists and Sculptors, Haifa Artists House, 24 UNO Ave. Daily except Fridays, 10-1 and 4-7.

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Reports U.S. Labour News

Explaining American Labour to Americans is as difficult as it is to foreigners. For American Labour is essentially pragmatic, as much a local growth as the drugstore and the Empire State Building. All similarity with European brands of esoteric socialism is incidental.

However, explaining American Labour to the American public is the weekly bread of John Herling, ruby-faced, 54 years of age, and publisher and editor of "John Herling's Labour Letter." He also writes a syndicated column twice a week, "trying to report labour news and problems in language which is both simple and clear." He has been doing this for the past 12 years. Mr. Herling, who has spent a fortnight here as the guest of the Histadrut, is leaving tomorrow for Washington D.C. where he lives and works.

'Born into Labour'

John Herling was "born into Labour," so to speak. His father was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. When John was a boy, his father took him to a meeting in Madison Square Garden where several speakers discussed peace — it was shortly after the First World War. One of the speakers was Rabbi Magnes. The stress was on justice and peace. The words burned into the boy's conscience.

As a boy, John did everything which young boys of New York's East Side were accustomed to do to help their fathers in keeping the family. He sold newspapers. He wrapped parcels. His father, however, sent him to college. At Harvard, John studied the classics and philosophy. "How my father managed in those days I can't imagine." It was in college that he started in journalism and has never left it.

Labour, for John Herling, is a quest for better human relations and a keener sense of justice. Strict trade unionism is not enough. American Labour does not support any of the American political parties. "But we do appreciate friends and oppose enemies, no matter to which party they are affiliated." The general aim of labour organization in America is to enhance the personal dignity of the worker through assuring better work conditions and raising his cultural standard.

Herling attends all presidential press conferences and does not hesitate to put leading questions to the Head of State. It was Herling who created an international sensation when he asked President Eisenhower, shortly after he had assumed office, to explain what he meant by "creeping Socialism." The President replied he had meant the Tennessee Valley Authority. If the Eisenhower Administration has since veered towards better understanding of the working people's problems, Herling's "Letters" may have contributed to the change.—S. S.

Iraqi Court to Try 15 For Treason in absentia

BAGHDAD (Reuter). — The Baghdad People's Court will meet next Saturday morning to try in absentia 15 Iraqi army officers and five civilians accused of plotting against the Republic and the life of Major-General Abdul Karim Kassem, the Prime Minister, Baghdad Radio reported Sunday night.

Among the absent civilians is Faea el-Samerrai, former Iraqi ambassador to the United Arab Republic, who defected from his post in Cairo after the failure of the Mosul revolt against the Iraqi Government in March last year.

UAR and Philippines 'Explore' Trade Pact

MANILA (Reuter). U.A.R. and Philippines officials have held exploratory talks on a bilateral trade agreement, a U.A.R. Legation spokesman said here on Monday.

He said a delegation led by Mahmoud Badawi el-Shiaty, the U.A.R. Under-Secretary of Commerce, had "very useful" talks with local Government officials and businessmen to pave the way for the signing of the agreement.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

ARMON: Magli Pericolose ("Nice to be a Bachelor").
EDEN: The Journey.
ORION: Habib el-Omr.
OR GIL: Escucha mi Cancion! (Joselito).
ORNA: The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker.
RON: Tank Commandos.
SEMADAR: Raj Tilak (Down with the King).
ZION HALL: The Geisha Boy.
TEL OR: The Chinese Wall. (La Muraglia Cinese).
EDISON: Drei Maenner im Schnee (Three Men in the Snow).
STUDIO: Top Secret Affair.

TEL AVIV

ALLENBY: Ciao, ciao, Bambina.
ARMON DAVID: Auntie Mame.
CHEN: Alias Jesse James.
EDEN: Girls of Today.
ESTHER: North by Northwest.
GAT: Les quatres cents coups.
HOD: Mariti in Citta ("Good to be Married").
MAXIM: Rabbit Trap.
MIGDALOR: La Chatte sort ses griffes.
MOGRABI: Babette goes to War.
OPHIR: Pillow Talk.
ORION: The Young Philadelphians.
PEER: Piccoli (Last Week).
SHDEROTH: Mardi Gras.
TAMAR: Juvenile Passions.
TCHELET: Faibles Femmes.
TEL AVIV: Journey to the Centre of the Earth.
YARON: This Earth is Mine.
ZAFON: I Want to Live.
ZAMIR: Les dragueurs.

HAIFA

ORION: The Invisible Boy.
ORAH: Father, Where Art Thou?
AMPHITHEATRE: Five Gates to Hell.
ATZMON: Night of the Quarter Moon.
MIRON: Public Pidgeon No. 1.
ARMON: The Man in the Net.
EN DOR: Casbah.
ORLY: Orfeu Negro.
MORIAH: Carry on, Sergeant.
GAL OR: She played with Fire.
PEER: Swan Lake.
TAMAR: Im Prater Bluehen Wieder Die Baeume.
MAY: Thunder in the Sun.

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'Murder Elections' In South Korea

SEOUL (Reuter). — Dr. Chang Myun, Opposition Vice-Presidential candidate, on Sunday predicted that today's presidential polls would be "murder elections" such as never before witnessed in South Korea.

In an open letter, Dr. Chang, who has three opponents for the Vice-Presidency, appealed to President Syngman Rhee to take "resolute measures to stop irregularities and unlawfulness on all levels to ensure free elections."

He alleged that preparations were being made under secret police instructions to fix the elections for Dr. Rhee, who is unopposed for the post of President, and Mr. Lee Ki Pyung, Vice-Presidential candidate of the ruling Liberal Party.

Armed police patrolled South Korean cities yesterday in an atmosphere resembling martial law after opposition complaints of more violence against their supporters.

Rifle-carrying military police took over traffic control in major cities and police were alerted throughout the country as opposition campaigners were reported attacked by unidentified mobs.

The opposition Democratic Party said a total of 39 of its supporters had been attacked during the campaign, including one party member who was beaten to death.

Cables in Brief

UNION. — Mr. Leonard Forden, 50-year-old Manchester bus driver, was yesterday elected Chairman of Britain's biggest trade union, the Transport and General Workers Union with 1,300,000 members. Mr. Forden, a member of the Labour Party and a union member for 36 years, started work at 14 as a trolley boy with the Manchester bus service.

TRADE. — The Soviet Union and Turkey have signed a trade agreement for 1960 which is expected to result in increased trade between the two countries, the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported yesterday.

AID. — About one and a quarter per cent of Britain's national income, or £240m., goes as financial aid to under-developed countries, according to a Treasury White Paper published in London.

SPEED. — Mirella Mossotti Arri of Turin set up a new world typing record of 6,100 keys in 10 minutes with less than one per cent of errors on Saturday.

ADEN. — Mr. Harold Watkinson, Britain's Defence Minister, arrived in Aden from Nairobi on Sunday to visit military installations and units in the area.

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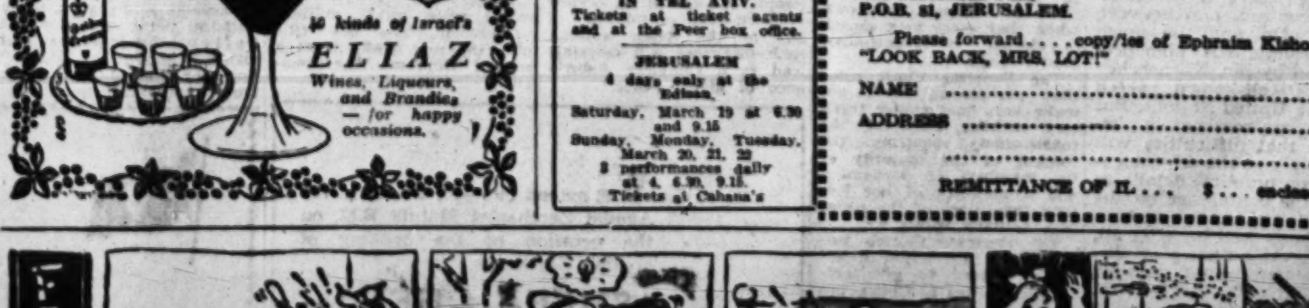
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Weather Synopsis: High pressure area over East Mediterranean.

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Mt. Cana'an	42	—16	6—16
Tiberias	43	10—22	9—21
Haifa Port	43	7—18	8—19
Natanya	41	8—20	6—20
Tel Aviv Kirya	57	5—19	5—19
Tel Aviv Port	56	6—18	6—19
Lydda Airport	49	1—20	2—20
Jerusalem	21	6—16	6—17
Beersheba	14	4—20	3—21
Eilat	11	9—27	10—28

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Temperature range till yesterday evening. C) Temperature range forecast for last night and today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. George Tibber, a member of the executive of the U.K. Joint Palestine Appeal's textile trade committee, with Mrs. Tibber, for a three-week visit (by El Al).

Mr. Isidor Wartski, former Mayor of Bangor, North Wales, an executive member of the Welsh section of the World Refugee Year Committee, with Mrs. Wartski, for a three-week stay (aboard the s.s. Theodor Herzl).

Dr. Emanuel Gill-Av, of the Weizmann Institute of Science, after a year's study abroad (by Olympic).

DEPARTURES

The outgoing Swedish Ambassador, Mr. Osten Lundborg, and his family, after serving in Israel for four years (by Alitalia).

Mr. Izhar Smilansky, M.K., the author, for London, where he will open "Hebrew Book Week" (by Alitalia).

Aluf Yosef Avidar, Director-General of the Ministry of Labour, and Mrs. Avidar, on a speaking tour of Latin American countries on behalf of the Israel Bond Organization (by Alitalia).

THE 400 employees of Isasbest yesterday contributed IL1,600 to a Nahariya Labour Council collection as a holiday gift for needy families in the development settlements in the neighbourhood.

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PROPERTY tax in Acre on undeveloped lots will be raised from five per cent to six per cent this year, to encourage private and public building in the new city quarters.

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THE 16 youths from the Central Galilee village of Sakhnin, who are suspected of having stoned an Egged bus in the village last week, were yesterday released on bail. Hearings in their trial are to begin on Friday.

B'NAI B'RITH GROUP LEAVES FOR U.S.

LYDDA AIRPORT.— The 30-strong B'nai B'rith group, which has been in Israel on a fortnight's visit, left for the U.S. by air yesterday.

Gina Bachauer With I.P.O.

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, under Gary Bertini, on Monday presented an ambitious programme here, opening with Toccata for Orchestra by a young Israel composer, Yehoshua Lakner, and including Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms, with the Rinat Choir.

The bouquets of the evening, however, went to Gina Bachauer, the Greek pianist, who came here from London. She won prolonged applause for her forceful rendering of Beethoven's Emperor Concerto.

Sephardi Federation Body Meets Today

The Sephardi Federation World Presidium will meet today in Jerusalem to take up the question of joining the World Jewish Congress and the World Zionist Organization. Immigration and absorption problems will also be discussed.

The Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Y. M. Toledano, and the Minister of Police, Mr. B. Shitrit, will head the Israel delegation.

Coalition Executive Asks for Tax Relief on Lower Incomes

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

A special subcommittee of the coalition executive yesterday decided to request the Minister of Finance to increase the income tax reductions for lower income brackets.

The committee, which met in Tel Aviv under the chairmanship of Mr. Israel Kargman, M.K., of Mapai, rejected a proposal by Mr. Israel Bar-Yehuda, of Ahdut Ha'avoda, to postpone reductions to taxpayers in the middle income brackets. Mr Bar-Yehuda based his demand on the Government's need for additional revenue in view of the drought and other unforeseen expenditures.

The majority of the committee, however, felt that the Government could not withdraw its decision of Sunday to approve the reductions in income tax for middle income brackets which had previously been approved by the Ministerial Economic Committee. (*The Jerusalem Post yesterday* incorrectly reported that the Cabinet had not approved the Treasury's income tax proposals at its meeting on Sunday.)

Greater Reductions

The committee finally adopted a proposal by Mr. Govrin and by Dr. Hanan Rubin, of Mapam, that greater reductions be given to taxpayers earning less than IL4,200 annually.

The committee postponed discussion of a demand by the Minister of Labour, Dr. Giora Josephthal, for a 1.5 per cent increase in National Insurance premium payments. Mr. Kargman suggested an 0.8 per cent rise in the premium and an increase in the present salary ceiling on which the maximum is paid, from IL360 to IL420.

Zarchin to Get Share In Profits, No Control

POST Economic Reporter

The originator of the Zarchin process for the desalination of salt-water, which is now undergoing intensive tests, Mr. Alexander Zarchin, is to receive 15 per cent of the profit-bearing shares of the company that has been set up to exploit the invention, it is learned from well-informed circles in Jerusalem.

Mr. Zarchin has not been given any controlling shares in the company. These shares are evenly divided between the Fairbanks-Morse Corporation and the Government. These terms are included under the agreement signed by the three parties on Sunday.

Studebaker Official Here for Talks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LYDDA AIRPORT.—The regional representative of the Studebaker-Packard Corporation, Mr. Nicholas Freeman, arrived here yesterday from Istanbul to hold talks with the management of the Kaiser-Fraser works in Haifa. The President of the company is also expected to arrive from the U.S. tonight.

Kaiser-Fraser of Israel and the U.S. company recently signed an agreement for the local assembly of Studebaker Lark automobiles.

FAIR TODAY

The fair weather of the past few days is expected to continue today, and temperatures will remain the same as yesterday in most parts of the country, according to the Meteorological Service.

Sapir at Eilat Economic Council

EILAT. — The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, arrived here by air yesterday to participate in the meeting of the Eilat Economic Council. The council is composed of the members of the Municipal Council and of local business leaders. Mr. Sapir has agreed to participate in all meetings of the Council.

Child, 6, Killed By Truck

TEL AVIV. — Six-year-old David Hayon was killed here on Monday afternoon when he was run over by a truck while crossing the new Jaffa-Bat Yam highway. The driver of the truck was detained.

Five Youths Injured In Fireworks Blast

Five teenagers were injured Sunday night when firecrackers exploded in the pocket of one of them during a party being held in the Scouts Club on Rehov Hakovshim in Tel Aviv.

They were all taken to Hadassah hospital, and four of them were sent home after treatment for burns. The fifth, Avraham Winraub, 16, was kept for further treatment, although his condition is reported as not serious.

MDA Convention Opens in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV. — The fifth convention of Magen David Adom will open here today in the presence of its President, Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, the Minister of Health, and the Mayor of Tel Aviv.

One-hundred-and-eighteen delegates, representing the 50 M.D.A. branches, will take part. The agenda includes discussions on the next three-year programme, and the election of a new Council.

Rabbi Nissim:

Fitting Reminder Of German Crimes

In an indirect reply to a suggestion made last week by President Ben-Zvi, Chief Rabbi I. Nissim said yesterday that the destruction of a third of the Jewish people by the Germans should be fittingly recalled in a manner accepted by all the nation.

Such a decision could not be made by one section of the public if it was not accepted by all — since without general agreement the decision would lack halachic and moral authority, Rabbi Nissim said.

In any case, concluded the Chief Rabbi, Nazi Germany's heinous crimes towards the Jewish nation would "be engraved upon our consciousness for generations. These crimes, whose like humanity had not known, will not be cleansed and will not be forgotten."

Rabbi Nissim's statement was published in the form of a reply to a letter by a private citizen who asked whether Germany, according to *halacha*, was in the category of Amalek, whose actions against Israel were never to be forgotten, or of Egypt, which, according to the Torah, should not be held in abomination.

But the letter was also seen as a reply to Mr. Ben-Zvi's suggestion that the memorial prayer for Jewish victims of the Holocaust be amended and that the word "German murderers" be changed to "Nazi murderers."

In a letter last week to the Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Y. M. Toledano, Mr. Ben-Zvi said that "German murderers" ignored the fact that there were Nazi murderers among other nations.

As to the question of categorizing Germany, Rabbi Nissim points out that the Torah's injunction refers to Amalek only. As to German crimes in our time, "the teachers of the Torah, together with public leaders who represent the entire nation, are entitled to establish our attitude in the spirit of the principles of the Torah."



Hollywood Star Paul Newman, who is to play the lead role in the filming of "Exodus," and his wife, Joane Woodward, being welcomed by an El Al hostess on their arrival at Lydda Airport late Sunday night.

Fans Mob Paul ('Ari Ben Canaan') Newman

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Girl teenagers on Monday morning mobbed Paul Newman, the Hollywood star who will play the role of Ari Ben Canaan in Otto Preminger's film of "Exodus," as he stepped out of the Dan Hotel here. Police and hotel staff were called to clear the way for the lithe, blue-eyed screen idol, as girls with pony-tail hair-do's and wearing sloppy sweaters crowded round him for his autograph.

Paul Newman, who flew in on Sunday night, is the first of the "Exodus" stars to arrive in Israel. He was accompanied by his wife, Joanne Woodward the Oscar-winning actress, (who will not play in "Exodus") and their 11-month-old baby. Miss Woodward, ash blonde with grey eyes, has been offered the lead in the film "Kilometre 95," scheduled to be shot here in early summer. She declined to say whether she would take the role.

Mr. Newman, 35, told a press conference at the Dan hotel here that he was "ready to meet a great challenge" in interpreting his role. He intended to stay here four-and-a-half months for the filming, scheduled to start on March 28. He had started to learn Hebrew, and hoped that before appearing before the cameras he would have time to tour the country.

Mr. Otto Peminger and five assistants left yesterday by Olympic for a 12-hour visit to Cyprus, in connection with the film.

Purim Cheer Comes to Capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several hundred children flocked to the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo on Monday morning to compete for 15 prizes for outstanding Purim costumes.

The five first prizes went to a blond girl dressed up as a Yemenite; a boy of about five, who appeared as a labourer lugging a ladder and pail; a small girl disguised as a doll in a doll's bed; a girl and a boy dressed up as a butterfly circling a cyclamen; and two boys who paired up as a donkey.

The prizes — books and toys — were awarded by Deputy Mayor M. Gevirtsman.

Poultry Prizes

It was originally planned to give five chickens and ducks as prizes, but due to the objections of the judges—Mrs. Joan Comay, chairman of the Animal Protection Society, Mrs. Simon Nathan, of the Society, and Mrs. Miriam Herman, of Kol Yisrael's Children's Corner—it was decided to grant the livestock a "pardon." Dr. A. Shulov, Zoo Director, agreed to "give them a home at the Zoo as long as they live."

More than 3,000 persons visited the Zoo—setting a new attendance record.

In Jerusalem itself, the main streets were thronged with people, many in costume. Many also sat patiently on the curbs, apparently waiting for something to happen, or just resting their feet.

The Scroll of Esther was read by cantors of the various communities on Mt. Zion yesterday morning. In the afternoon, visiting B'nai B'rith members and other tourists visited Mt. Zion.

In Tel Aviv, the annual Hanshil-Pollo Purim carnival was held on Monday at the Ramat Aviv Hotel, with the participation of Mayor M. Namir. The programme included a conjurer's performance, singing and dancing.

Among the guests was the Spanish boy singer, Joselito.

The Israel-America Society yesterday held a Purim party for the children of the U.S. Embassy and U.S.O.M. staff, together with the children of members of the Society. About 120 youngsters took part and the Tel Nordau school dance group provided entertainment.

Several dozen pilgrims from Safad, Hatzor and Safsufa yesterday read the Scroll of Esther at what is regarded by local tradition as the tomb of Queen Esther, in the Bar Am forest.

Tommy AWOL In Lebanon 12 Years

LONDON (INA). — A British soldier who disappeared while serving in Palestine in 1948 turned up during the weekend at the office of the British military attaché in Beirut to give himself up. He was flown to Cyprus and may face a court martial for desertion.

Acting Sergeant Charles Henry Rollason was given seven days' leave while serving in Palestine in 1948, and decided to spend it in Lebanon. He had intended to return to his unit, "but there was a state of war between the Arabs and the Jews and I could not cross the border into Palestine," he was quoted as saying.

During his 12 years in Lebanon he married an Arab girl and had two children. He was also reported to have become the centre of a tribal revolt and of being suspected of spying.

He was said to have taught English three times a week at the palace of the Lebanese President.

Decision Today on Hall For Billy Graham

The question of renting the Mana Auditorium to Billy Graham, the American evangelist who is due to arrive here on Thursday, is "still under consideration," and a decision may be expected today, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

He was commenting on a press report that the Mann Auditorium and Z.O.A. House managements had refused to rent their halls to Mr. Graham "on the instructions of the Foreign Ministry."

The Z.O.A. House management said last night that its hall was booked for a Little Theatre performance on the date requested by Mr. Graham. There had been no instructions from any official body in this connection, it was stated.

Experts' Departure For Ghana Held Up

Two Israel experts scheduled to leave yesterday for Ghana to serve as advisers to Prime Minister Nkrumah were instructed by the Foreign Ministry to postpone their departure a few hours before they were due to board their plane.

The experts are Dr. M. Rinot, Head of the Haifa Municipal Education Department, and Dr. Brachot, of the Health Ministry.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday that "as the question of the appointment of a third expert — for agriculture — has not yet been settled, it was decided to delay the departure of Drs. Rinot and Brachot."

More Yugoslav Aid For UAR Industry

BELGRADE (Reuter). — Yugoslavia may take a greater part in the future industrial development of the UAR, the official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, said on Monday.

The agency said that Mr. Rato Dugonjic, the Yugoslav Ambassador in Cairo, yesterday had a long talk with Aziz Sidki, the UAR Minister for Industry, on economic and industrial cooperation between the two countries.

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA P.E. [illegible]

SUMMONS

In the matter of the late [illegible] ELFEKER, of [illegible] Kiryat Eliezer, Haifa, deceased at Haifa on [illegible] 9, 1960.

Petitioner: SABA (SABIKA) [illegible] represented by [illegible] Advocate, of 39 [illegible] Street, Haifa.

Let it be known that the petitioner has applied to this Court for an order declaring the succession of the said deceased. I hereby summon all persons to appear in this Court within 10 days from the date of publication of these summons and to show cause, if any, why an order declaring the succession of the said deceased should not be granted, otherwise such order will be granted as seems right to this Court.

A. [illegible] — Registrar. This 13th day of March, 1960.

Silver Decries Lack Of Zionist Education

LYDDA AIRPORT. — "I was greatly impressed by the progress made here in the economic and security fields," Dr. Abba Hillel Silver said here yesterday before his departure for the U.S. But he added that "I feel that not enough has been done to educate the younger generation in the spirit of Zionist principles, or towards a better understanding of the Jewish people and the Diaspora."

Dr. Silver expressed astonishment at reports that he intended returning to Israel to settle here. He said that U.S. Jewry was more in need of leadership at the present time than was Israel, and that he could not see what there was for him to do in Israel. He added that he had learned his lesson from the time that he had come to Palestine to settle, before the establishment of the State, when he had immediately been sent back by the Zionist movement to do political work in the U.S.

Dr. Silver was seen off at the airport by members of the General Zionist Party Knesset faction led by Dr. Peretz Bernstein. *(Itim)*

BEN-GURION

(Continued from Page One)

nister, Dr. Heinrich von Brentano.

Dr. Adenauer had arranged for a meeting with Jewish leaders yesterday morning but cancelled this because of his talk with Mr. Ben-Gurion.

Right after the meeting the U.N. Secretary, Mr. Hammarskjold called on the Chancellor at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Mr. Ben-Gurion arrived here at 11.30 last night and drove in a 12-car convoy to the Waldorf Astoria, with security arrangements even exceeding those made in Washington. The Ben-Gurion entourage were on the 27th floor while Dr. Adenauer stayed on the 35th floor.

Official German and Israel cars lined up on the same 50th St. entrance, and the security officers of the two premiers mingled in the corridors and elevators.

Mr. Ben-Gurion walked down two floors at 9.30 to avoid scores of newsmen and photographers waiting at the elevator. Dr. Franz-Josef Bach, the Chancellor's special assistant, came to call for Mr. Ben-Gurion.

Notice to the Public

DRAWING OF THE POPULAR LOAN (MILVEH AHAMI) PREMIUM BONDS, 1954

The 17th drawing of the above loan will take place today, Tuesday, March 15, 1960, at 4 p.m. at the Bank of Israel Hall, 29 Rehov Nahlat Binyamin, Tel Aviv.

Admission free. The public is invited.

INDUSTRY, FINANCE and COMMERCE

Double Stamp Tax On Cars Overruled

The Government yesterday lost its appeal against a District Court decision prohibiting it from levying a second defence stamp tax on cars on which the tax had already been paid during the same year.

The Supreme Court found that the Knesset had intended to link the defence stamp tax to the licence renewal fee, and as such should be paid only once a year regardless of the number of times the car was transferred from one person to another. Hitherto defence stamp tax was levied each time a vehicle was sold.

The District Court had ruled in favour of Mr. Elyakim Harari, who had bought a car on which defence tax had already been paid, with the intention of making it a test case. The Supreme Court upheld the lower court's decision. *(Itim)*

Further Credits For Agriculture Mooted

POST Economic Reporter

The Bank of Israel is prepared to extend a further IL14m. in credits to agriculture, the spokesman of the Ministry of Agriculture said in Jerusalem on Monday.

The need for further credits follows the proposed expansion of the area under certain types of crops. The Bank has hitherto rejected requests for further credit for agricultural exports and "special needs."

The matter will be discussed between the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Moshe Dayan, and the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. David Horowitz, when the Minister returns from his present visit to the U.S.

Relief Measures To Beduin Studied

The Ministry of Agriculture is considering the distribution of grain and hay to the drought-stricken Beduin, as well as the subsidising of meat prices which may fall due to more extensive slaughtering.

An additional area of 100,000 dunams in the Negev has been opened to grazing for Beduin flocks. The Government is not extending the area because further migration to the north might bring the Beduin into areas with cultivated fields.

Committee to Study Meat Marketing Costs

POST Economic Reporter

A public committee is to study the possibility of cutting meat marketing costs, the Ministry of Agriculture spokesman announced in Jerusalem yesterday.

Although the income earned by cattle breeders, per head of cattle, has fallen during the past two years, distribution costs have risen by about 30 per cent during the same period. In consequence, the price of meat to the consumer has not been lowered.

One of the proposals to be discussed by the committee is the establishment of regional slaughter houses, where the meat would be packed on the spot and retailed by chain-stores, consumers' co-operatives and self-service shops.

The committee will consist of a judge, and representatives of the consumers, the farmers, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and the meat traders. It will be instructed to submit its report as soon as possible.

Bulk Delivery of Bitumen Now Mastered by Haifa Refineries

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—The refineries are about to begin delivery of bitumen in bulk, as well as in steel drums. The new method will be at least 20 per cent cheaper and save a considerable outlay in dollars on containers, the company's general manager Mr. N. Bartell, announced yesterday.

The new IL200,000 installation makes possible the delivery of hot (120 degrees Centigrade) and liquid bitumen in tanker cars as far away as the Negev. As a result of this innovation, the refineries were able to underbid foreign competitors for a 60,000-ton contract in Turkey. Bitumen for export is delivered liquid from plant to port, where it is pumped into a special type of tanker now being chartered for this purpose. Aboard ship steam maintains the bitumen's temperature during the five-day trip to Turkey. Most modern ports are now equipped to take delivery of hot bitumen in bulk.

The price of a ton of bitumen in drums on the local market is IL110. The bulk price will be at least IL25 lower, with the elimination of Equitying costs constituting an additional saving for the buyer.

Mr. Bartell reported steady technical and commercial progress in the refineries' operations during the past year. Since the 21-year-old plant was transferred to Israel management last April, a study has been made of the economic and technical possibilities of modernising it and boosting output from the present 1.8 million tons a year to its capacity of over 4 million tons at which the plant was operated by its British owners until April, 1948.

Two of the three refining units are in working condition, though only one is fully used. The third is now to be reassembled and remodelled, a job that will require about 18 months. Since the British management handed over the plant, the labour force has been maintained at 800. Production has risen by 8 per cent to meet the higher local demand. An efficiency drive is under way and the quality of products is being improved.

To spur the company to new efforts, the present system of refining crude petroleum for the three marketing companies — Paz, Sonol, and Delek — on a cost-plus basis is about to be superseded by sales at a fixed price. Negotiations with the three companies, Mr. Bartell hopes, will be concluded in a few weeks. The change involves commercial risks for the refineries, but also an incentive to greater productivity and accumulation of profits for new investments.

The Government has now entrusted the operation of the I.P.C. terminal, the oil port and the oil products pipeline to Tel Aviv to the refineries, Mr. Bartell said.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

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Tale of an Escalator

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The first and only escalator ever made in Israel is to roll again by the end of the month. Installed nearly three years ago at the new Beit Hakranot shopping centre in Rehov Herzl, it ran for only a few days before breaking down.

Built by the Elva factory for about IL50,000, it was designed to attract shoppers to the second floor of the "double decker" building. Its completion was heralded with extensive publicity as a new and exciting Israel "first."

But even before the first escalator was installed, Elva went bankrupt. No other escalator has been built in Israel since.

After six months of wrangling, a Haifa engineer undertook to supervise the installation of the escalator, and on February 24, 1958, it finally started rolling. It was immediately mobbed by adults and children, most of whom had never seen any such contraption in their lives.

They paid no heed to the fact that the escalator had a capacity of only 4,000 persons an hour, nor to the efforts of two frantic attendants who tried to control the crush. Even policemen were helpless.

Within a few days the escalator broke down. Since then it has been in use as an ordinary, non-moving staircase, with only the set of instructions to the public on how to use it — which had been ignored — remaining as a reminder of its former glory.

Four of its stairs were smashed, and several cogwheels were broken. No spares were available from the bankrupt manufacturers, and the parts had to be specially cast.

Dispute Developed

A dispute then developed between the 15 shopkeepers whom the escalator served, and the building's contractors. This lasted for two years. But, with the operation of five sets of escalators continuously imported from France) in the Carmelit subway, it is expected that Haifaites' fascination with the sight of moving stairs has now been satisfied.

The Beit Hakranot trustees, who will receive the building from the contractors next year, according to contract, have now decided to try again.

They have repaired the escalator and obtained the necessary operating licences from the Municipality and the Labour Ministry. They have also taken out third-party insurance.

Eight Tel Aviv Milk Distributors Fined

Eight milk distributors in Tel Aviv have been fined sums ranging between IL20 and IL30 for parking milk in the street and leaving it open to contamination and the heat of the sun. Forty similar cases will shortly come before the courts, the Ministry of Health spokesman declared in a statement yesterday.

The statement was issued in reaction to a strike warning issued by milk distributors in the Tel Aviv area "in view of annoyances by the Ministry of Health."

The spokesman said that despite prolonged negotiations with the Milk Distributors' Organization regarding improvements in hygiene, nothing had been done, and the offenders are being brought to court.

Jordan Returns Stolen Sheep

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Sixty-one stolen sheep were returned to Israel yesterday at the routine weekly meeting of Israel and Jordan police officers and a U.N. Observer on the Hebron road.

The sheep were stolen last week from the Abu Rabeya tribe by four armed infiltrators. A number of sheep were returned the previous week as well.

Settlers Drive Off Lebanese Shepherds

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Members of kibbutz Yiftah, in northern Galilee, yesterday drove off 30 Lebanese shepherds who crossed into Israel with their flocks, apparently seeking pasture because of the drought.

Machineguns Hyena Near Massada

BEERSHEBA. — A soldier patrolling the Massada area yesterday staved off an attack by two hyenas which attempted to set on him. He managed to kill one of them with his sub-machine gun. The second animal fled.

Persons familiar with the area say that while hyenas have been observed there recently, it is extremely rare for them to attack humans.

Co-op Supermarket Opens in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A large supermarket, the first to be established by the cooperative movement, opens at Kikar Dizengoff here today. The 600 sq. m. store, named "Shefa Chen," occupies the premises between the Chen cinema and the Hamashbir Hamerkazi department store.

The consumer cooperative society now has 1,100 branches throughout the country, with a membership of about 300,000, Mr. I. Shpan, of Hamashbir Hamerkazi, and Messrs. S. Domb and E. Lifshitz, of the cooperative movement, told the press here on Monday.

The cooperatives plan to double the number of self-service stores during the next three years, to 168, the speakers said. Mr. Lifshitz told *The Jerusalem Post* that plans were being discussed for the opening of a large supermarket in the centre of Jerusalem, but no date has yet been fixed.

New Earth Tremor Shakes Macedonia

BELGRADE (Reuter). — The townspeople of Tetovo in Yugoslav Macedonia huddled frightened in the surrounding fields despite sleet and rain on Sunday night after a new earth tremor shook the region.

The tremor lasted two seconds but no new damage was reported.

Police and soldiers patrolled the streets and kept watch in front of buildings wrecked by last Saturday's quake which injured over 40 persons in Tetovo and Gostivar, killing at least one. Only 40 of the 200 houses at Gradec village near Tetovo escaped serious damage on Saturday.

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Published every Friday Shavei Zion, Tuesday

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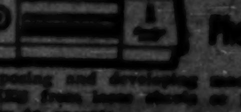
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Agrarian Reforms Change Face of S. Italy

Peasants Move from Hills into Plains—and from Middle Ages into 20th Century

By Andrew Shonfield

SOUTH Italian peasants have not always lived on the tops of hills, huddled together in crowded rural towns. They were driven up there in the course of successive invasions and wars. Now the Italian Land Reform Agency is trying to get them down again into the valleys and the plains.

Slowly and expensively it is succeeding. It is costing an average of £2,000 for each family resettled, and more than 50,000 families have so far been shifted into the new plots of land carved out of the old estates of the big landlords.

These new peasant proprietors, who started moving less than ten years ago into the clusters of white houses built for them by the Italian Government, are one of the elements in the extraordinary agricultural revolution in Italy. The country's chronic grain deficit, which used to worry Mussolini so much, has disappeared; and all of a sudden, with the dramatic rise in the yield per acre right through the country, there is a surplus of wheat.

In 1958 the Government hastily abolished the guaranteed price for wheat; the storehouses were bursting with the stuff, and officials were afraid that there would be another bumper harvest and nowhere to put it. Fortunately grain production fell in 1959.

All this makes life that much more bewildering for the men who have been brought down from the hill villages and turned into small landowners. Originally the whole scheme was conceived as a straightforward resettlement project that might apply to any of the several underdeveloped areas round the Mediterranean basin. The peasants were poor and ignorant, large numbers of them illiterate. They were provided with capital in the form of implements, seeds, animals, and a lot of technical assistance. Now their output has increased; they live better; but the process of improvement has barely begun before they have come up against a new enemy — the market.

Export or Die

I was astonished to be assailed, in one of the new village centres miles away from anywhere, by a peasant with the slogan: "Export or die!" "Yes," said the man who had 13 acres close by and was growing vegetables, "the Italian market is too small for us."

He talked about the collapse of vegetable prices in the towns in southern Italy. People were not rich enough to buy all that was now being produced, with the aid of the extra water coming out of the dams and the new irrigation schemes. He was looking to Germany "and perhaps even England" to take the produce off their hands. "But that needs organisation," he said with a sigh, "and unfortunately organisation is missing."

Inside the office of the co-operative, which faced the new church and the new cinema in this village centre, I found the man who was in charge of the district's agrarian reforms. With him was the vegetable marketing expert for the whole southern region. Both are south Italians, youngish university men with that peculiar brand of cultivated humanity which is part of the conversational make-up of such people. There is absolutely no roughness in their speech.

"Yes, the peasants are put out. No doubt about it. They have invested a lot of work and some money—they have to pay for water — in growing these new crops."

"What are they to do?"

"We are trying to teach them — they will have to learn to grow their vegetables out of season. The climate is excellent for this, and now there is the water."

This seemed to be asking for a big jump in sophistication for people who had been coaxed out of a primitive, undisciplined, and often lazy life only a short time ago. Admittedly they no longer had to walk several miles a day from their homes to their place of work; they had more food and more money. But there was also the easy, talkative atmosphere in the narrow streets of the hilltop towns; it was cosy. And now everything was so complicated.

The two officials agreed. It was lucky that the problem had not arisen in the early days of the settlement programme. Now there is much more confidence. "The real turning-point comes," said one of them, "when you persuade a peasant to grow something new, something different from the crop that he and his family have been growing for hundreds of years back. In our case, it was wheat and wheat only. Once the man has taken the revolutionary decision to grow vegetables — any vegetables — for the market, he is changed. Suddenly he is capable of understanding and doing things that were impossible before."

Strong Prejudice

Ideally, now that there is plenty of grain and only a limited market for vegetables, the peasants ought to turn to animal husbandry and produce a lot more meat. But here the officials are up against a strong prejudice. Apart from a horse — an important status symbol in these parts — and possibly one cow or a goat, cattle are regarded as a nuisance.

Horses are different. The peasants like to cut a dash, and one gets the impression in some of the new farmhouses put up by the Land Reform Agency that the horse is one of the privileged members of the family. The stable, leading by a door straight out of the ground floor living-room, is one of the best rooms in the house. The other rooms often look very shabby with tattered pieces of cloth for bedclothes, magazine photographs of a sentimental character stuck to the walls, and sacks of seed dumped near the beds.

Afforestation Started

But some of the peasants have begun to acquire new furniture and even radios. Having electricity in the home is the next great goal. "If I had a radio," said one man, "then after we had eaten in the evening we could sit up for an hour and listen — instead of just going to bed, getting up, working and then going to bed again."

The surprising thing is how much more has already been squeezed out of this damaged, eroded soil of southern Italy. The replanting of trees on the hills has hardly begun. Afforestation is a very expensive business, but if the fertility of the land were restored it could support a lot more people in comfort on smaller individual holdings.

Today the landscape looks raw. The hills under the blue sky have a texture that reminds one of old hairless flesh, blotchy with pinks and purples. To bring the land back to its full vigour would take a vast effort spread over a number of years. *(OFNS)*

PARIS LETTER — **By Israel Neumann**

Fortunes Stolen with a Pencil

SUPERINTENDENT Besson of the Economic and Financial Section of the Sureté Nationale did not strike me as a typical police officer when he received me at his office in the Ministry of Interior.

But neither are the "gangs of robbers" that he has to deal with typical gangsters. Their weapon is the pencil and they do their dirty work in impeccable evening dress, surrounded by luxury. Their victim is Paris' "Haute Couture" and according to the Superintendent they rob it each year of 2,000m. to 4,000m. francs.

Bi-annual Robbery

The gangs Superintendent Besson and his staff are fighting strike twice a year: in January-February, the summer season in the Paris fashion houses, and in June-July, when the winter fashions are presented. The season in each fashion house opens with the "Premiere"; under the cloak of secrecy a selected public, consisting of women from high society and professional buyers from all over the world, is shown the new models in an elegant salon. But somewhere among this public the gang's agent is concealed; the moment the show is over he will hurry to his room, where all the necessary material is awaiting him, and make sketches of the models he has seen. This is described as "the systematic plundering of *haute couture*."

American Gang

M. Besson's attention is concentrated particularly on the "American gang" of "copyists," which has succeeded in robbing the French fashion industry of half the American market. With the opening of each season this gang somehow succeeds in getting hold of the new models, which it markets profitably, mainly in the U.S. and South America.

Some days ago Superintendent Besson scored a victory over this gang. Among those present at the "Premiere" of Dior was a certain Mr. Adolf Burger, of London, the Rumanian-born owner of a well-known fashion house named "Silhouette." He came in company of a certain Miss Owens, whom he introduced as his adviser. After the Premiere M. Besson's men found in Miss Owens' room 36 reproductions of models by Dior and Esterel, remarkably faithful to the original. "Miss Owens is extremely talented and seems to possess a photographic memory; she could earn a fortune in the Paris fashion industry," remarked M. Besson with admiration. A Zurich fashion house owner, Mr. Ernst Gack, was also arrested. All three are believed to work for the American gang; their arrest was made possible by the disclosures of a certain Miss Kastner, from Vienna, who was caught copying last summer.

I learned about the precautions that the *haute couture* houses take against the thieves during a visit in the sanctuary of French fashion.

A doorkeeper in livery opens the door for you at Dior's, in Avenue Montaigne. If you are a customer you go to the left; your feet tread on soft carpets, the aroma of Dior-produced perfume is wafted to you and crystal chandeliers richly light your way. But if you want only information you will have to go backstage to the office of Mlle. Rouet, where the floor is hard and the chandeliers are replaced by simple fluorescent bulbs.

Mlle. Rouet is in charge of invitations to the shows. At what price? You have to be a professional buyer, in possession of a buyer's card issued by the Syndical Chamber of Paris Dressmakers after a minute inquiry. Another condition: you have to put down a deposit of 150,000 francs — 500,000 francs if you are an American. After the show, should you decide not to buy anything, you forfeit the sum; and if you do buy, the cheapest thing you can purchase is a 200,000-franc paper pattern which you may reproduce and sell to your customers. But if you are in the wholesale trade, you will not be permitted to sell it as a Dior model.

Special Legislation

At the presentation you are allowed to hold a pencil and make notes on the programme, but vigilant eyes will follow your fingers to make sure you are not making any sketches. Should you be caught making one you might get into trouble with Superintendent Besson and even be punished for fraudulently reproducing artistic and literary property. First offenders, under a law passed in 1957, face fines up to 1.2m. francs; second offenders, prison sentences of up to two years.

Have Israelis ever been implicated in the fraudulent reproduction of French models? Superintendent Besson was happy to note they had not. As a matter of fact, he is thankful for the support he got from the Israel delegation when he proposed international action against fashion style robbers at the last Interpol Conference.

Growing Pains in Beersheba

By HERBERT BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA has a new and attractive post-office. Unfortunately space is already at a premium and the number of employees serving the public is limited.

There is only one clerk to accept and deliver parcels, one at the postal bank window, and one selling stamps and handling registered and express letters. There are queues in front of these three counters practically from morn to night. A stamp-vending machine would certainly be very helpful and save much time and frayed nerves. The handling of registered letters is also clumsy and time-absorbing. The clerk looks at the letter and sometimes weighs it, calls out the fee, takes money and makes change, tears the stamps out and hands them over to the client who in his turn licks the stamps, affixes them on the letter and returns it to the clerk who then writes out the receipt. One client with three or four registered letters is enough to create a long line that is not always patient.

There are so few postmen that mail is delivered very late at homes and offices, sometimes at two in the afternoon. If one or two postmen are ill or on reserve duty, there is no replacement for them and mail distribution becomes chaotic.

NOW that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has finally threatened to take steps against the illegal and unlicensed cartel of Beersheba bakers, it is amazing to realize what the bakers got away with during the past three years. The quality of bread has suddenly considerably improved, as have delivery and cleanliness.

Over 60 files are pending against Beersheba bakers for such offences as underweight, dirt and foreign objects in the bread, ranging from flies to sewing needles. But nothing can be done about it because the magistrates' courts are not competent to deal with such cases. Only special courts for the prevention of speculation have the authority but there is no such court in the Negev, and so the files just gather dust.

At the Cinema

Slow Thriller

The Man in the Net (Armon, Haifa) is Alan Ladd, this time a dedicated painter who finds himself in danger of lynching for his wife's death. In view of the high standard attained by the present-day thriller, the method by which he sets the trap to uncover the true murderer is not very sophisticated, while in contrast in real life the village children would have blurted out the secret of the hero's hiding place earlier than they did. Carolyn Jones plays the hysterical, alcoholic wife in a manner seemingly modelled on that of Bette Davis. Within limits, because her enunciation is rather stagey, she gives the best performance in a slow-moving film.

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NATURE NOTES

An Uncaged Aviary

FIVE years ago I watched a Hawfinch *(Coccothraustes — Patzhan)* in a neighbour's melia agederach tree and was so entranced by its colour and its drollness — it neatly pares the meat off the yellow berries and cracks the kernel, which is much like a cherrystone — that I resolved to have an agederach tree myself. I had only to let one of the countless ones grow that the bulbuls seed in my garden like weeds. So I left one just before my window, and in three years it was higher than my roof. It loses its foliage in autumn and, as the winter sun shines on it all day, it is a favourite place for birds to sun themselves. The Hawfinch, to tell the truth, appeared only twice. But on this warm spring day for instance I have counted the following: Several pairs of Palm doves *(Arnicola, senegalensis — Tor Ha-ir)*. A pair of Blackbirds *(Turdus merula — Shahror)*; these are new to the district except in autumn, and most welcome. I hope they nest. A pair of Missel thrushes *(Turdus viscivorus — Turdus hadavkon)* which swallow the berries whole, quite a feat. They are listed as rare. And most beautiful of all, shimmering like jewels in the sun, a pair of Smyrna kingfishers *(Halcyon smyrnensis — Shaldag l'van hahaze)*. They will soon be nesting in the wadi nearby. Isn't it something to have all that at a distance of a few feet while having breakfast or tea? I am glad indeed I let my melia agederach grow!

P. A.

Two Reactions to the B-G-Adenauer Meeting



How strange!... — *How strange!...*

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Bakers' Unleavened Profits

Hatzofe (National Religious) raps the *matza* bakers' charge that religious supervision of the process of *matza* baking for Pessah slows up production and thereby cuts into their profits, and asserts that their real struggle should be against the Ministry of Commerce. Their threat to curtail the supply for the coming holiday is serious, but they must not expect the *halacha* to give way to their appetite for higher profits.

Herut holds that it is the duty of the Minister of Education to see to it that the protracted secondary school dispute is terminated at the earliest and that the pupils receive their report cards for the second semester. The State's knuckling under to the dictates of political party needs is not only outrageous — it is most dangerous.

Haboker (General Zionist) dwells on what it terms the "Agadir scandal" in which, according to reports, the Moroccan authorities declined to accept outside help to rescue the victims of the earthquake because their "national pride" could not permit it.

Insisting that no one in the State of Israel should be allowed to go hungry, **Ha'aretz** (non-party) takes up the case of the Beduin citizens who have been hit most hard by the drought. If we are a real welfare state, these nomads should get the same benefits as are accorded to the rest of the population. The Government should pay them what it still owes them in drought relief from last year, partly in money and partly in the form of flour and sugar, and provide them with road construction work and other employment. The same course was taken by the Mandatory Government and it is the only practical way out.

Mr. Ben-Gurion's description of the purpose of his visit to the U.S. as "seeing friends," writes **Davar** (Histadrut), should be taken seriously though on the face of it it seems like an evasion. For it is truly to see and talk to friends that he came and the fact that he has gained a sympathetic hearing and has paved the way to understanding of Israel's position proves it. It is hoped that he will meet similar friends in his coming interviews.

Omer (Histadrut) says that we believe in the justice of our cause and appreciate Mr. Ben-Gurion's powers of persuasion, and for that reason feel sure that his talks will bear the desired fruit.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) and **Kol Ha'am** (Communist) consider Mr. Ben-Gurion's meeting with Chancellor Adenauer a rash step that can augur no good for Israel or world peace.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) does not see much hope for success of the disarmament talks, finding that the two blocs are at too great variance on the matter of implementation. Israel, writes the paper, is all in favour of universal disarmament but will continue to resist the call to give up her defence weapons so long as the Soviet Union, who was the first to propose disarmament, continues to arm the Arabs.

Readers' Letters

FARMER'S PLEA

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am the father of a deaf-mute three-year-old boy. I live in Moshav Ahituv in the Emek. Once a week I must take my boy to the Micha Institute in Tel Aviv for special treatment to teach him to talk.

As a *moshavnik*, this entails the difficulty of leaving my work every week as well as considerable expenditure. We have spoken with the people at the Institute with regard to opening new stations in other settlements in order to make it easier for us. The people at the Institute have no objection and even have instructions ready but lack only the means.

Why don't the institutions concerned in this matter do their utmost to open new stations nearer our homes, to lighten the burden of parents in our position?

Yours, etc.
GIDEON ZAHAVI
Moshav Ahituv, Feb. 29.

LLOYD'S DISOWNER

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to reports in the local press about Lloyd's having appointed Mr. Schonewald to investigate the loss of Israel diamonds *en route* to Hong Kong, J. V. Delbourgo & Son, Lloyd's agents in Israel, wish to state that it was not Lloyd's which appointed Mr. Schonewald. It is not known at Lloyd's who appointed him in this case.

Yours, etc.
J. V. DELBOURGO & SON
E. TRAUBNER
Tel Aviv Manager
Tel Aviv, March 7.

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I trust that you will be able to help me in the following matter. In 1948, a friend of mine, Manfred Rogozinski, left England for Israel via France. He arrived in Haifa, as I received one letter from there, with no address, since he was with a fighting force. His friend, Eric Rosenthal, wrote me, asking me to meet him in Llangollen, North Wales, before he proceeded to Israel, too. I was nursing at the time and the letter reached me too late. Since then, I have heard nothing of either of these two boys.

I am rather anxious to contact them, especially Manfred Rogozinski. They both resided in Northampton, Manfred working in the laboratory of a leather factory. Prior to living in the U.K., they had both lived in Berlin, Germany. I enclose a letter for each of them and would be most grateful if the letters could find their destination.

Yours, etc.
MRS. J. TAYLOR
Auckland, New Zealand,
February 9.

The letters are available at the Jerusalem offices of The Jerusalem Post. *Ed.*

MARGINAL COMMENT

A Spectre Exorcised?

By Nissim Rejwan

THE spectre of Communism, which Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels over a century ago claimed was haunting Europe, has been seriously threatening the Middle East since the autumn of 1955, when spite and irresponsibility drove the Cairo authorities to help the Kremlin make its great breakthrough into the area. But the threat of an actual Communist take-over became imminent only in post-revolutionary Iraq, where an epidemic of Nasserist conspiracies gave the Communists undreamed-of opportunities to infiltrate into some of the most sensitive official posts and generally to foist themselves on Major-General Kassem's regime. The peak of this penetration was reached just after the crushing of the Shawwaf revolt in Mosul, the first anniversary of whose outbreak was celebrated with a special programme the other day by Damascus Radio. During the past year, fate seemed to hold out glittering prospects for the Communists.

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AFTER many ups and downs, Communist fortunes have now slumped heavily, so much so that they have not even managed to obtain a licence to function legally following the authorized resumption of political party life last January. To such an extent indeed has their position deteriorated, that their once-formidable front organizations — the Students Union, the Democratic Youth Movement, the Federation of Trade Unions and the League for the Defence of Women's Rights — were last Friday refused a permit to celebrate the anniversary of Shawwaf's dismal fall a year ago. It will be recalled that the Communists and their Kurdish supporters played a leading part in overcoming the anti-Kassem Shawwaf uprising and exploited the occasion to stage a sizable bloodbath in Mosul. Instead of being thanked for their pains, hundreds of Communists and Peace Partisans have since been court martialed for atrocities inflicted on the Shawwaf rebels and on Ba'th "suspects."

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THE Communists' failure to grasp their opportunity in Iraq was by no means wholly due to incompetence and hot-headedness. As they themselves pointed out in resolutions adopted at their conference last July, the party's cadres were in no position to absorb the tens of thousands of new members, candidates for membership and sympathizers who flooded the party after the failure of each anti-Kassem plot, more especially after the disgracing of Colonel Aref and after the Mosul insurrection. Then there was the even more serious problem that insufficiently disciplined new members, amongst the Kurds and the Shi'i Moslems in particular, tended to ignore the party's instructions whenever their own communal interests were at stake — this happened at Kirkuk in July and, to a lesser degree, at Mosul last March. Finally, and perhaps decisively, there was Kassem's own unpredictability, his apparent wavering, which bewildered the Communists and caused them to take many a false step.

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WHICH of these false steps, more than any other, led to the eclipse of the Communists, is not an easy question to answer. Perhaps the Communists made their fatal mistake in April, 1959, when they overplayed their hand, coming out with an open demand for participation in Kassem's Government. Intoxicated by their "victory" in Mosul, they decided to throw all their weight into this battle and authorized their cells in the army to agitate openly for the attainment of this objective. When Kassem saw the extent of their infiltration into the army's ranks, he decided to call a halt quickly. The Communists thereupon fell between two stools. Having reached a point of no return in their agitation, they resorted to violence — not on a revolutionary scale, but in a petty way, hitting out in fits and starts at their political rivals both outside and inside the administration.

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THE climax of this wave of Communist terror came last July in Kirkuk, on the occasion of the Revolution's first anniversary, when intercommunal strife was transformed by the Communists into a massacre of their opponents. Since then, despite their repentance and Kassem's implicit pardon, the Communists' general standing has been deteriorating badly, and their growing unpopularity has now given Kassem the chance to deal them carefully calculated blows. The most remarkable feature of the whole affair is that these Communists, who once justly claimed that Kassem depended largely on their support, now stand powerless in the face of his open hostility. For the time being, at least, the spectre seems to have been successfully exorcised, and unless Cairo judges the time ripe for another anti-Kassem plot it is not likely to reappear for a long time to come.

Tel Aviv, March 26.

PEN FRIENDS

FRANCOISE GILLIERON, 17, Forel (Lavaux) Vaud, Switzerland, would like to receive letters from Israelis, which would be instructive, with descriptions of discoveries, construction work, and other interesting subjects — not sentimental letters.

MR. ROGER VISICK, of 10 Avenue des Hirondelles, Brussels, Belgium, is a 32-year-old engineer, married and a father, and interested in information directly from Israel.

THEOPHILUS K. KENNEDY, Organiser of Boys and Girls Youth Clubs, Neighbourhood Centre, Mamprobi, Accra, Ghana, writes that these clubs have about 250 girls aged seven to 25 and 200 boys of the same ages, most of whom are primary and middle school pupils and enrolling secondary school students in 1960. Their interests include arts and crafts of all kinds, photography, poultry farming, and travelling excursions from Ghana to Israel. They ask for pen friends.

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